infrastructure, raw material supply, environmental clearance and other resources constraints. Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) have been signed with various State Governments for setting up of nearly 243 million tonnes of steel capacities in the country.

Steel is deregulated sector and the market determines import of steel. Nonetheless, Ministry of Steel is monitoring the import and export statistics of steel with the help of the Directorate General of Systems, Customs & Central Excise (DGSE&CE). A system has been devised whereby Joint Plant Committee (JPC) under the Ministry of Steel has been authorized to access the data relating to import of iron and steel on daily basis from the Indian Customs and Central Excise Electronic Commerce/Electronic Data Interchanged (EC/EDI) Gateway (ICEGATE). In case increase in import of any commodity proves detrimental to the domestic industry, the Designated Authority in the Directorate General of Anti Dumping and Allied Duties functioning in the Department of Commerce takes appropriate measures in consultation with the concerned Ministry.

Employment to displaced persons in VSP

1705. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for providing jobs in Visakhapatnam Steel Plant only for 6310 displaced persons while 14,827 were registered during 1971;

(b) the detailed plan of Government to accommodate the remaining displaced persons;

(c) whether Government would assure of accommodating remaining eligible displaced persons by relaxing age upto 40 years for general, 42 years for OBC and 45 years for SC/ST when the plant is expanding now and assure of paying rupees ten lakhs aeach to noneligible displaced persons; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (DR. AKHILESH DAS): (a) and (b) After detailed deliberations at various levels, the Visakhapatnam Steel Plant (VSP) had given a commitment to provide employment to a maximum number of 5000 displaced persons affected on account of acquisition of lands. As against this commitment, 6310 displaced persons have been employed and thus, the commitment has been more than fulfilled. Moreover, 2956 displaced persons have been engaged with contracting agencies working for VSP.

(c) and (d) The upper age limit for recruitment of candidates against notified posts of Trainee Khalsi and Junior Trainee is 25 yrs. RINL had extended relaxation of this upper age limite to displaced persons by another 10 years. With this relaxation, the upper age limit for displaced persons in the general category is 35 years, OBC-38 years and SC/ST-40 years. A further relaxation of 10 years is also given to physically handicapped candidates. Thus, additional age relaxation to displaced persons exclusively may not be feasible.

Private steel factories in Orissa

†1706. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the expansion work of Rourekala Steel Plant (RSP) at Orissa has been started;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Central Government is aware that a number of private steel factories have come up in Orissa; and

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(d) if so, the details thereof and the manner in which public undertakings are being enabled as compared to the said factories?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (DR. AKHILESH DAS): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. SAIL has already approved the expansion of all its major steel plants including Rourkela Steel Plant (RSP) at Orissa. The expansion of Rourkela Steel Plant envisages the enhancement of its annual hot metal production from 2.12 MT per annum to 4.5 MT per annum at a cost of around Rs. 7,668 crores. For the expansion plant of Rourkela Steel Plant (RSP), tendering of the component packages is in progress and is under various stages of finalization.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. A number of steel projects are coming up in Orissa for which private companies have signed MoUs with the State Government of Orissa. A list showing the names of the companies that have signed MoUs is given at Statement (*See* below). As regards steel producing units under Ministry of Steel, Steel Authority of India Ltd. (SAIL) and Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Ltd. (RINL) are undertaking ambitious modernization and expansion plans. SAIL proposes to modernize an expand capacity at its plants to increase production of hot metal from the present level of 14.6 million tonnes per annum (2006-07) to 26 million tonnes per annum by the year 2010-11 at a present indicative cost of Rs. 54,000 Crores. Similarly, the expansion plan of RINL, at an estimated cost of Rs. 8692 crores (base June 2005 prices), aims to increase its liquid steel capacity from 3 million tonnes to 6.3 million tonnes per annum by the year 2009. Apart from augmenting the production capacity at the plants, the plans of SAIL and RINL also envisage removal of technological obsolescence, reduction in energy consumption, improvement in product mix, up gradation of pollution control measures and augmentation of infrastructure facilities to support higher production. The measures are expected to confer a competitive edge on SAIL and RINL.

Statement

List of Steel Plant Projects for which MoUs have been signed with the State Government of Orissa

Sl. No.	Name of the Company	Location	Capacity in MTPA		Investment Rs. in crore	Date of Signing of MoU
1.	M/s Bhushan Power & Steel Ltd.	Lapanga, Sambalpur	Phase-I	1.2	1650	15.05.2002
			Phase-II	1.6	1850	
2.	M/s Aarti Steels Ltd	Chantikhal, Athagarh, Cuttack	Phase-I	0.5	512	01.10.2003
			Phase-II	1.5	374	
3.	M/s Abunik Metalicks (P) Ltd.	Chadrisarihapur, Roukela, Sundargarh	Phase-I	0.26	202.5	01.10.2003
			Phase-II	0.15	197.5	
4.	M/s Scaw Industries (P) Ltd.	Gundichapada, Dhenkanal	Phase-I	0.25	310	01.10.2003
			Phase-II	0.55	514	
5.	M/s Deo Mines & Mineral (P) Ltd.	Bonai, Sundargarh		0.325	316	01.10.2003

Sl No	Name of the Company	Location	Capacity in MTPA		Investment Rs in crore	Date of Signing of MoU
6	M/s Visa	Jhakhapura, Duburi, Jajpur Industries Ltd		0 35	345 78	26 12 2003
7	M/s CMS	Hirma, Jharsuguda Power Generation Ltd	Phase-I	0 25	141	26 12 2003
			Phase-II	0 15	314	
8	M/s Shyam	Pandoli, Regali, Sambalpur DRI Power Ltd		0 27	224 71	09 02 2004
9	M/s Orissa Sponge Iron Ltd	Gurla, Govindpur, Sambalpur	Phase-I	0 35	395	26 08 2004
			Phase-II	0 6	642	
10	M/s SPS Sponge Iron Ltd	Badmal Growth Centre, Jharsuguda		0 29	210	26 08 2004
11	M/s Maharashtra Seamless Ltd	Kalinganagar Industrial Complex, Duburi, Jajpur	Phase-I	0 3	245	26 08 2004
			Phase-II	0 18	205	
12	M/sOCL India	Rajganpur, Sundargarh Ltd		0 25	204 21	27 11 2004
13	*M/s Mahaeswary*	*Rampei, Khuntuni Cuttack* Ispat (P) Ltd		*0 25*	*210 00*	*27 11 2004*
14	M/s Monnet	Mangalpur, Dhenkanal Ispat Ltd		0 25	281 09	27 11 2004
15	M/s Aryan	Bomlai, Rengali, Sambalpur Ispat & power (P) Ltd		0 30	393 14	27 11 2004
16	M/s Maithan Ispat Ltd	Kalinganagar Industrial Complex, Duburi		0 27	335 25	27 11 2004
17	M/s Sree Metaliks Ltd	Loidapada, Barbil, Keonjhar Loidapada, Barbil, Keonjhar		0 25	190 44	27 11 2004
18	M/s MSP	Marakuta, Jharsuguda Metalicks (P) Ltd		0 26	260 59	27 11 2004
19	M/s Action Ispat & Power (P) Ltd	Pandiripathar & Marakuta, Jharsuguda		0 25	270 00	27 11 2004
20	M/s Patnaik Steel & Alloys Ltd	Purunapani, Joda, Keonjhar		0 27	337 42	04 05 2005
21	M/s Rathi Udyog Ltd	Potapally-Sikridi, Sambalpur		0 30	272 85	04 05 2005
22	M/s Viraj Steel & Energy Ltd	Gurupali, Pandaloi, Sambalpur		0 30	207 00	04 05 2005
23	M/s Deepak Steels & Power Ltd	Topodih, Barbil, Keonjhar		0 25	195 31	04 05 2005
24	M/s Konark Ispat Ltd	Hirma, Jharsuguda		0 25	196 50	04 05 2005
25	M/s Beekay Steels & Power Ltd	Uliburu, Barbil, Keonjhar		0 28	319 80	04 05 2005
26	M/s BRG Iron & Steel Co (P) Ltd	Khurunti, Dhenkanal		0 25	228 05	04 05 2005
27	M/s Jain Sponge (P) Ltd	Durlaga, Jharsuguda		0 30	251 77	04 05 2005

Sl. No.	Name of the Company	Location	Capacity in MTPA		Investment Rs. in crore	Date of Signing of MoU
28	M/s Jindal Stainless Ltd.	Duburi, Jajpur	Phase-I Phase-II	0.8 0.8	1,612.00 5,016.00	09.06.2005
29	M/s Rungta Mines Ltd.	Kamando, near Koira, Sundargarh and Jharsband, Dhenkanal (1 MTPA each)		2.00	2275.00	03.11.2005
30	M/s Brand Alloys Ltd.	Palaspanga, Keonjhar		0.27	307.54	03.11.2005
31	M/s Eastern Steels & Power Ltd.	Lahandabud, Jharsuguda		0.25	254.00	03.11.2005
32	M/s Jai Balaji Jyoti Steels Ltd.	Tanisar, near Lathikata, Sundargarh		0.33	321.14	03.11.2005
33	M/s Welspun Power & Steel Ltd.	Bhadrak district or Cuttack or any other suitable location in the State		3.00	5828.15	01.10.2006
34	M/s Uttam Galva Steels Ltd.	Location is yet to finalized		3.00	6103.80	03.10.2006
35	M/s SSL Energy Ltd.	Nuahata near Banarpal, Angul	Phase-I Phase-II	3.00	4339.00 4270.00	21.12.2006
36	M/s MGM Steels Ltd.	Nimdiha, Motagaon, Dehnkanal		0.25	208.10	22.12.2006
37	M/s Surendra Mining Industries Pvt. Ltd.	Barahamus Nimidiha, Motagaon, Dhenkanala, Bonai, Sundergarh		0.25	221.62	22.12.2006
38	M/s Crackers India (Alloys) Ltd.	Gobardhanpur, Keonjhar		0.25	236.39	22.12.2006
39	M/s Brahamani River Pellet Ltd.	Tonto, Nalda in Keonjhar & Duburi in Jajpur		4.0 (Pelletation) Plant)	1485.00	15.03.2008
40	M/s Pradhan Steel & Power (P) Ltd.	Durusia, Athagada, Cuttack		0.50	606.00	29.01.2008
41	M/s. Tecton Ispat Private Ltd.	Tarkabeda, Dhenkanal		0.25	291.00	29.01.2008
42	M/s Atha Mines Private Ltd.	Tarkabeda, Dhenkanal		0.25	227.13	29.01.2008
		List of Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Ltd. Projects				
1	M/s TATA Steel Ltd.	Kalinganagar Industrial Complex, Duburi, Jajpur	1st Module 2nd Module	3.00 3.00	10,400 5,000	17.11.2004
2	M/s Sterlite Iron and Steel Company Ltd.	Palasponga, Keonjhar	Phase-I Phase-II	3.4 1.7	9782 2720	15.10.2004
3	M/s ESSAR Steel Orissa Ltd.	Paradeep		4.00	10,721	21.04.2005
4	M/s POSCO India Project (P) Ltd.	Paradeep		12.00	51,000	22.06.2005
5	M/s Jindal Steel & Power Ltd.	Beneficiation Plant at Deojhar, Keonjhar & Steel Plant at Angul		6.00	13,135,02	03.11.2005
6	M/s Bhushan Steel & Strips Ltd.	Meramundali, Dhenkanal		3.00	5,828.15	03.11.2005
7	M/s Mittal Steel Company N.V.	Patna, Keonjhar		12.00	40,000	21.12.2006